

REMARKS

Claims 30-41 are pending, and claims 30-33 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 34, 35, 36, 38 and 39 are amended. In particular, the claims are amended for clarification and not to overcome prior art. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 35-41 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 35 is amended to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

The Office Action rejects claims 34-41 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,044. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer is submitted to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under the obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 34-41 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Terminal Disclaimer

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